DATE: 11 February 2008

Join the Pre-SOPA Media Breakfast Briefing with the Premier Balindlela and MECs

The Honourable Premier of the Eastern Cape Mrs Nosimo Balindlela is taking another giant step once again to make the ordinary people of the province to be part of the State of the Province Address (SOPA) at Bhisho Stadium on Friday 15 February 2008. Premier Balindlela has invited clerics and people that are involved in community projects as guests increasing the traditional number of people attending the glamorous occasion. The proceedings will also be beamed to the six District Municipalities and Nelson Mandela Metro and will be interpreted and analysed in isiXhosa for the understanding of an ordinary man on the street in the districts. Members of the Media are invited to attend the Pre-SOPA Media Breakfast and SOPA’s main proceedings:

Venue: Good News Church – King Williams Town (Maitland Road – Road Linking KWT to Bhisho)

Date: 15 February 2008

Time: 07h30

Note: No cellphones allowed at the session

SOPA Programme Overview

07h30 Pre-SOPA one-hour Media Breakfast briefing with Premier Balindlela and Members of the Executive Council (Media Lock Up session)
Co-Chairpersons: Dr Sibongile Muthwa (Director General) and Mr Phaphama Mfenyana (Chief of Staff)

08h30 Adjourn of pre-SOPA Media Briefing
Hand Over of cellular phones to media and media invited for breakfast
Members of the Media leave their vehicles at Good News Parking Lot and are driven to the Bhisho Stadium
Protocol to seat all members of the Media in allocated spaces

09h50 Legislature Programme starts

12h30 Legislature Programme ends

13h00 Media transported back to Good News for Lunch and Post-SOPA media pack

Media Accreditation for SOPA

Due to the strict requirements of the Legislature, media accreditation will be done on Thursday 14 February, at the Office of the Premier Building, Bhisho (1st Floor Telemedia Centre) from 15h00 to 22h00. Members of the media to bring both their media cards and ID documents/drivers license cards.

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